



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Custer Soil and Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Serving Custer and Lemhi Counties

Legislative District 35

Conservation District Mission: *Providing action and information at the local level for promoting wise and beneficial conservation of natural resources with an emphasis on soil and water.*

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- 1) 12 Cooperators installed approx. 12 miles of riparian fence protecting over nine miles of stream through BPA's Fish and Wildlife Program.
- 2) Completed two water conservation/diversion elimination projects and installed one flume providing stream reconnect benefits through BPA's Fish and Wildlife Program.
- 3) Implemented educational programs in the District and local schools
- 4) Provided general assistance to more than 50 cooperators in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, IDA and ISCC (EQIP, WHIP projects including six CAFOs, one water conservation and one riparian protection project).
- 5) Approved Conservation Easement for fish and wildlife benefits within the BPA program.



Conservation District Priority # 1 – District Operations

Utilize a comprehensive and effective information and education program to promote and enhance District programs and increase public awareness.

- Utilize an I&E program to assist in accomplishing District goals and objectives
- Comply with Federal, State, and District laws.
- Utilize educational program to enhance conservation awareness within the schools, cooperators and the public.

Conservation District Priority #2 – Water Quality and Water Quantity

Address conditions of Fisheries and Wildlife resources within the District while maintaining multiple use and meeting regulations of the Clean Water Act, Antidegradation and Endangered Species Act.

- Maintain and improve resource conditions on wetlands areas and riparian pastures.
- Implement the Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Project plan to deal with Salmon, resident and bull trout issues within the District.
- Fulfill responsibilities for salmon recovery projects planned under the USBWP and implemented through BPA and other Fish and Wildlife Programs.
- Identify and provide input on the USBWP of priority areas and generate local support for stream enhancements within the watershed.

- Seek non-traditional funding and additional technical assistance for implementation of best management practices within the District.

Conservation District Priority # 3 – Animal Waste Management

Address landowner's needs in the management of Animal Feedlot Operations and Confined Feedlot Operations within the District to meet EPA standards by 2005.

- Assist landowners identify AFOs/CAFOs on private property and seek assistance from IDA and ISCC Water Quality Planner to design practices and implement funding.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- IASCD Poster Contest and Speech Contests (5 participated, two attended Division VI meeting)
- State Envirothon Competition (5 teams sponsored at the State Envirothon)
- Natural Resource Awareness Day (reaching over 300 elementary students annually)
- Annual 5th Grade Outdoor Conservation Field Day
- 4th Grade Bread in a Bag (Co-sponsored by the Idaho Wheat Commission)
- Provided financial support to the Idaho Land Judging and Forestry Contests
- Participated Legislative Display at the State Capitol in February.
- Participated at Custer County Fair with "edible aquifer" and water model.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Sponsored Annual Conservation Field Tour to show benefits of Bonneville Power funded projects
- Sponsored two Confined Animal Feedlot Operation Workshops in cooperation with the IDA, ISCC and University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service.
- Coordinate with ISCC Water and Landowners to conduct TMDL surveys.
- Attended Upper Salmon Basin Technical Team meetings and Advisory Team Meetings.
- Attended Sub-Basin Planning Meetings coordinated by the USBWP.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Custer County	District Operations	\$ 2,500.00
Lemhi County	District Operations	\$ 500.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 8,788.00
Bonneville Power Administration	Salmon Recovery	\$ 714,332.00
WQPA	Water Quality	\$ 2,850.00
Idaho Fish and Game	Sage Grouse Recovery	\$ 15,603.00
Bureau of Reclamation	Irrigation Improvements	\$ 5,098.00
OSC- PCSRF	Salmon Recovery	\$ 21,665.00
USDA Farm Program	Conservation (EQIP/WHIP)	\$ 228,570.00
U. S. Fish and Wildlife	Fish and Wildlife Funding	\$ 11,500.00
		\$1,008,546.00

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices

